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Dr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist
The National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

Although we have long had an understanding that if anything relating to the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy became available I would immediately and automatically be informed of it, it also occurs to me that it might be a good idea to ask if the raw materials of the two reports used in the suit brought by the New Orleans District Attorney, in which you were defendant, has been transferred into your custody and if it is available for research.

I referx to both the report made by the autopsy doctors after the pictures and X-rays came into your custody (and the one they may have filed on this occassion, if any) and the so-called "panel" of outside doctors.

If these are in your custody, I would like to be informed so that I may go over these various papers. I would also want copies made as soon as convenient of any separate report of any character made by any member of the panel, any special memo he may have written on any aspect, etc., any letters, observations or comment. I presume such a file would also include notes, and if they are not extensive, I would appreciate your making copies as soon as possible, without awaiting my examination.

Should these not be in your custody, a letter so informing me will suffice. If they are, I would appreciate a phone call.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg